

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better condition for appeal.

A one month extension of time, together with the associated fee, is filed herewith.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Final Official Action of November 7, 2006, relating to the above-identified application.

A new corrected Declaration claiming the benefit of 8 priority applications filed in Japan is filed herewith. The present application was previously amended to claim the benefit of applicants' earlier application no. 10/797,706, now US Patent 7,023,098. The new corrected Declaration corrects the identification of one of the priority documents as noted by the Examiner in the Advisory Action of January 17, 2007.

The application has been amended to replace the paragraph on page 13 to make it consistent with the previous amendment as requested by the Examiner.

New Claim 10 is based on the disclosure on pages 10-11 of the specification.

It is noted that the Advisory Action of January 17, 2007, in paragraph 5, acknowledges the C-I-P status of the present application relative to applicants' earlier issued patent, US 7,023,098.

To overcome the filing date of the '098 patent of *Umeno, et al.*, according to the Advisory Action, in paragraph 6, applicants submit herewith certified translations of JP 2003-083937 and JP 2003-083938, both filed in the JPO on March 25, 2003.

The range for "n" in formula 1 is given as 0.5 to 5 in each document as well as the formula (2) for the phenol resin (B).

Applicants therefore submit that *Umeno, et al.*, US 7,023,098, is no longer available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (b) or (e).

The rejection of the claims on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting, as unpatentable over Claims 1-8 of applicants' earlier issued patent, US 7,023,098, has been rendered moot by the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith.

For reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully request favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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